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SUBJECT: INITIAL PRESS REACTION TO TALKS ON AEGEAN CONTINENTAL  
SHELF AND AIR SPACE

1. SINCE IT WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED THAT GREEK-TURKISH TALKS ON THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF AND AIR SPACE WOULD BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 2, THE ATHENS PRESS IN GENERAL HAS REFLECTED A CERTAIN RESERVE ABOUT THEIR CHANCES OF SUCCESS. REPORTS ON THE MEETINGS SINCE THEN HAVE CONTINUED TO DO SO ALTHOUGH THE AIR SPACE TALKS IN PARIS ARE GENERALLY GIVEN THE BETTER CHANCE FOR POSITIVE RESULTS. BOTH COMMUNIST DAILIES, AVGHI AND RIZOSPASTIS, HAVE EDITORIALIZED THAT THE TALKS WERE DESIGNED TO FURTHER U.S.-TURKISH IMPERIALISM.

2. HEADLINES OF REPORTS ON THE TALKS ON NOVEMBER 4 HIGHLIGHTED THAT THE TALKS IN BERN WERE INTERRUPTED YESTERDAY. HOWEVER, PRO-GOVERNMENT ACROPOLIS, AND KATHIMERINI AND LIBERAL, OPPOSITION TO VIMA NOTED THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE RESUMED AFTER INSTRUCTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM ATHENS AND ANKARA.

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CONSERVATIVE ESTIA, IN THE AFTERNOON, WAS MORE SPECIFIC

AND QUOTED A "GOVERNMENT SOURCE" TO THE EFFECT THAT THE TWO DELEGATIONS HAD MERELY AGREED ON A PAUSE OF ONE OF TWO DAYS UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND THAT THE NEXT MEETING MIGHT BE HELD NOVEMBER 4 OR 5. (IN FACT, THE GOG CLARIFIED LAST NIGHT THAT THE TALKS WERE TEMPORARILY RECESSED TO PERMIT THE TWO DELEGATIONS TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS.)

3. COMMENT: THE BIG STORY IN ATHENS PAPERS ON NOVEMBER 3 AND 4 WAS THE U.S. ELECTIONS. IN RELATION TO OTHER NEWS CONCERNING GREECE ITSELF, THE PARIS AND BERN TALKS WERE GIVEN ONLY MODERATELY PROMINENT COVERAGE.  
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